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**ACKNOWLEDGING THE RETIREMENT OF INL'S DR. JAMES A. LAKE**

Mr. CRAIG of Idaho. Mr. President, thank you for the opportunity to take a few moments to acknowledge a special milestone in the career of one of the truly great nuclear energy luminaries of our time. I'm speaking of today's retirement of Dr. James A. Lake of Idaho National Laboratory.

During his nearly quarter-century of service to Idaho National Laboratory – and by extension, to all of America – Dr. Lake has applied his unexcelled technical and managerial expertise to some of this nation's highest-priority research and development initiatives in the nuclear energy arena. From leading the design team that developed an innovative ultra-high-flux research reactor concept early in his Idaho career to guiding the establishment of the U.S./Russian International Centers for Environmental Safety later on, Dr. Lake's contributions have been extraordinarily impactful.

As the elected president of the American Nuclear Society at the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Dr. Lake did much to usher in the nuclear renaissance now sweeping the globe. In a single year, he personally visited 11 countries, a dozen universities and more than 20 nuclear power plants and nuclear facilities around the world. He also did countless interviews with major television, newspaper and magazine journalists – representing CNBC, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, BusinessWeek and others – to help them better understand nuclear power's unique abilities to dependably generate massive amounts of electricity – around the clock, rain or shine – without generating any of the greenhouse gases that are now of such global concern.

Beyond his contributions to INL and the American Nuclear Society, Dr. Lake has also left his indelible mark of excellence on countless other organizations and activities ranging from the American Association of Engineering Societies to the International Nuclear Societies Council. He holds patents on “An Inherently Safe Fast Breeder Reactor” and other key nuclear technologies and has more than 35 publications in refereed journals and conference proceedings.

Dr. James A. Lake – scientist, research leader, nuclear energy visionary and gentleman – leaves a legacy of growth, safety and success in the nuclear programs at INL, for which the laboratory, the Great State of Idaho and this Proud Nation are and will be forever grateful. Godspeed, Dr. Lake, as you retire from INL and move on to the next chapter of your remarkable life.